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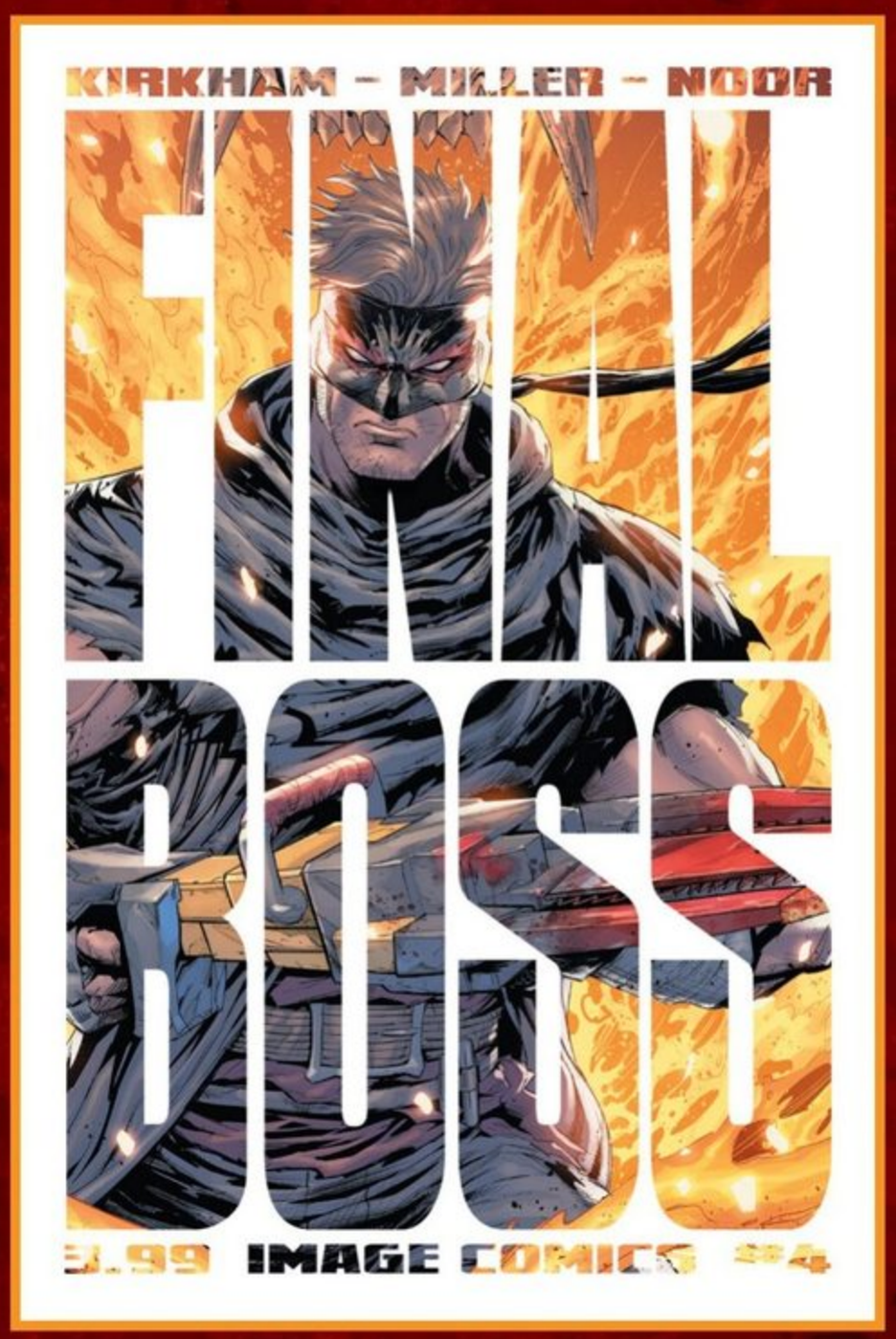
STAGE 4: FORGOTTEN DESERT



In the bloody sands of the Forgotten Desert, TOMMY and RABAK are in the fight of their lives with the Forsaken tribe queen RITUAL and her clan of cannibals. Can Tommy free the prisoners and find the answers he came here for?

STAGE 5: RED SANDS

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WORLD WAR 2,
SOMEWHERE
IN THE PACIFIC.
THE DEPTHS OF AN
ANCIENT TEMPLE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

DON'T MOVE?

FORGET THAT...

RUUUN!

WHA-CRACK

SCATTER. TRY TO HIDE...

AAAAHHH! SHIT, SHIT--

SHI...

SPLAT

IN HERE, NATHANS.

CAPTAIN. HEY, WAIT. OVER HERE.

I FELL DOWN A SHAFT. I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR... THANK GOD I FOUND YOU.

EXPLAIN LATER.

NUNEZ? WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN? YOU JUST DISAPPEARED!

NOW HAUL ASS.

OH MY...

WE GOTTA...

JUUUUMP!

TODAY. BACK TO REALITY.

HAACK

SLAASH

SPLISH

WHAT HAVE WE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO? JUST YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED A MYSTERIOUS LETTER ASKING IF WE COULD HELP THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE FROM CERTAIN DEMISE OR A LIFETIME OF SLAVERY.

THAT IF WE HELPED WE WOULD GET THE ANSWERS WE SEEK...TO ME THAT MEANS ANSWERS ABOUT MY FATHER. MY MISSING FATHER. THE REASON I'M HERE ON THIS DAMNED ISLAND. AN ISLAND THAT'S BEEN TRYING TO KILL ME SINCE THE SECOND I SET FOOT ON IT.

AS I FIND MYSELF FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE AGAIN, I'M REMINDED OF THE REASON WHY I'M HERE. AND THAT IF NEED BE, I WILL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE SAVAGES TO GET SOME ANSWERS.

THAT INCLUDES THIS QUEEN BITCH!

YOU'RE NEXT!

COME NOW.

GLUG GLUG

BLUURN!

GAAAH.

GLAD I HAD THIS EXTRA LAYER.

WE WILL PEEL THE CHARRED FLESH FROM YOUR BODY WHILE YOU SCREAM FOR MERCY. MY PEOPLE WILL EAT LIKE KINGS TONIGHT!

I SEE MY OPENING.

AND TAKE IT!

SHIT...THAT DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED.

YOU WANNA PLAY WITH FIRE, *HUH?*

NICE TRY.

TOMMY.

HEADS UP, *CATCH.*

WHOOSH

I GOT YOUR FIREWORKS RIGHT HERE!

VEERRR CRACK CRACK

PIERCE

FAAAGGHHK!

VRRRR SLICE

GAH!

LET'S SEE HOW MUCH HEAT THIS DEMON CAN TAKE.

WHUMP

CRACK

MHMGGGGGGGGGGS

TGGGS

GAHHAAHAA HA HA HA!

I AM BORN OF *FIRE.*

I CONTROL IT.

WE ARE ONE.

AND I WILL RISE FROM IT!

YOU THINK YOU CAN USE FIRE TO KILL ME? MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMANDED IT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME!

LET'S SEE HOW...

YOU DO AGAINST THIS!

THUNK

VVRRRR

VRRR

SPLAT

BRUTALITY!

TOMMY BRAZEN WINS!

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID, "LIKE A PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES, SO TOO SHALL MY SPIRIT IGNITE WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE FLAME."

THAT WITCH WILL NO LONGER OPPRESS THESE PEOPLE.

I IMMEDIATELY FEEL THE FIRE IN MY SOUL. LIKE MY WHOLE SKELETON IS ON FIRE.

WHOOOSH

THANK YOU, YOUNG MAN. YOU HAVE BEEN OUR SALVATION.

ARE THESE YOUR PEOPLE? I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU. COME TAKE A SEAT...

TOMMY... LOOK.

WE GOTTA MOVE NOW! THE CANNIBALS ARE LETTING SOMETHING OUT...

WAIT, OLD MAN, I NEED ANSWERS. WE NEED TO TALK. STOP.

THERE IS NO TIME, MAN. GET TO THE BUGGY.

PUNCH IT.

VRRROOM

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE IN THE CLEAR. THEY SIC DEMON DOGS FROM HELL ON US.

CLICK VRRR

VVVRR VRRR

GOOD THING YOU KEPT THE BONE SPLITTER.

SHIT, DUDE, I'M TAKING THIS HOME. IT'S GOING ON MY MANTEL.

IF WE CAN STAY ALIVE THAT IS! I HAVE A PLAN.

TAKE THE WHEEL.

YOU CRAZY S.O.B.!

JUST LIKE RIDIN' A BIKE!

I'M GONNA LEAD 'EM TO THE CLIFF.

I'LL DO THE SAME AND LOSE HIM AT THE LAST SECOND.

♫FREE FALLIN'!♪

I'LL BE BACK TO SCOOP YOU UP.

WHAT THE... IS THAT?

OH SHIT.

JUST A SECOND LONGER.

ONE MORE.

I GOTTA BAI--

TOMMY, GET YOUR ASS OFF! BOUNCE, MAN.

CH-CLINK

HOLY SHIT, WOMAN!

CLICK

VRRROOM

BOOSH

BOOM

AAAAAHHH, RABAK...

IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?

TOMMY!

WAS IT ALL WORTH IT? WHAT HAVE I ACCOMPLISHED? I CAN SEE RABAK IS SCARED. I AM LEAVING HIM BEHIND. HE CAME HERE FOR ME...FOR WHAT? NO...

I FEEL IT! I FEEL THE FLAMES BURST FROM MY BODY LIKE A MAN SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTING.

LIKE A SPIRIT OF FIRE ENVELOPING ME AND SAVING ME FROM CERTAIN DEATH.

I'M HERE.

DID MY MIND AND BODY WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE WHAT I NEEDED TO AVOID DEATH?

THIS IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE ENERGY I JUST ABSORBED FROM THE RITUAL WITCH!

REAL POWER! THIS COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING!

WOOSH

OH MY GOD, DUDE. WHAT IS HAPPENING?! HOW IN THE?

I KNOW, I KNOW. I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. IT JUST HAPPENED. I FEEL AMAZING!

YEAH, BUT THAT MASKED CHICK SAW EVERYTHING. SHE'S BEEN WATCHING US...

I MEAN, SHE DID HELP US. I THINK SHE IS ON OUR SIDE.

"WE NEED TO TRACK HER DOWN. SHE HAS AN AGENDA AND WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT IS."

"I AGREE, BUT LET'S GET BACK. IT'S BEEN A LONG COUPLE DAYS AND I'M WIPED."

WELCOME BACK, GENTLEMEN. WE WERE STARTING TO WORRY...

WE THOUGHT YOU HAD TUCKED TAIL AND ABANDONED THE TOURNAMENT. YOU MISSED THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS.

YEAH, SORRY, HAD SOME PERSONAL STUFF TO ATTEND TO.

JUST DON'T FORGET WHY WE BROUGHT YOU HERE. YOU DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT THE HOST.

SURE, SURE, BOSS. WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN, AND IF IT DOES YOU CAN PUNISH ME PERSONALLY.

HAH!

OH, I INTEND TO!

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VOLUME ONE END.

ISSUE SIX COMING IN MAY!

BONUS ROUND PREVIEW!

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MASKED VIGILANTE

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ISSUES 1-5
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STAGE 1

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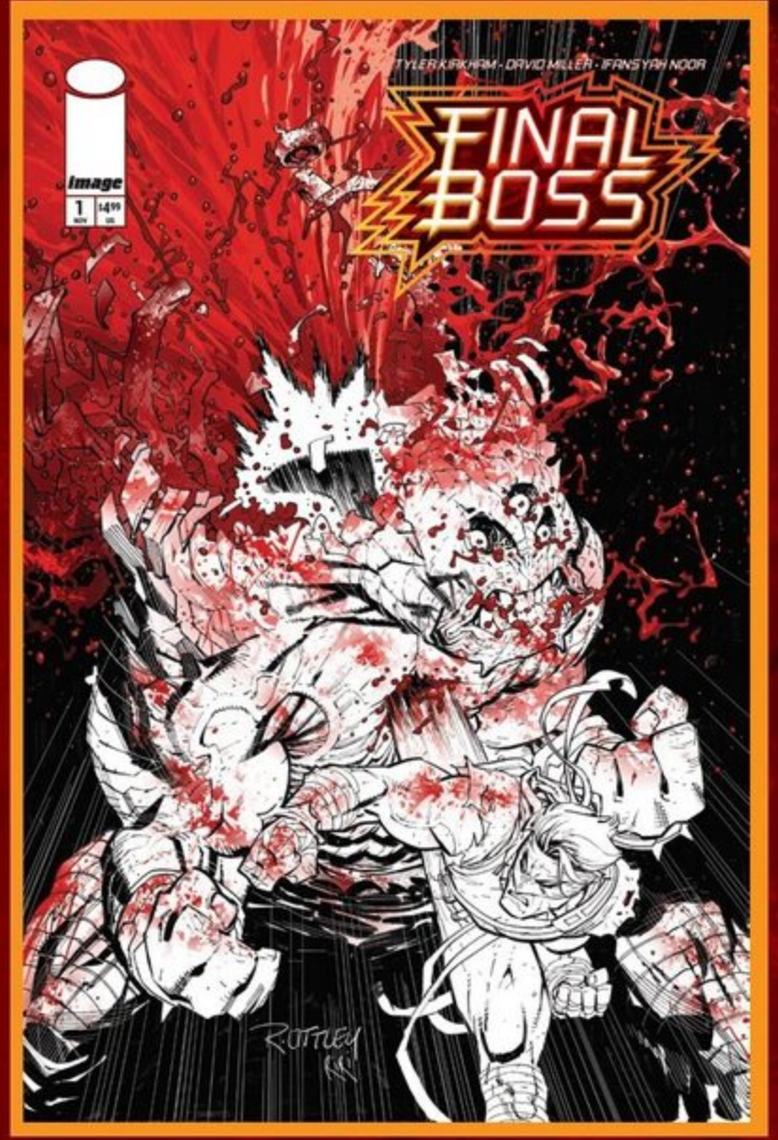

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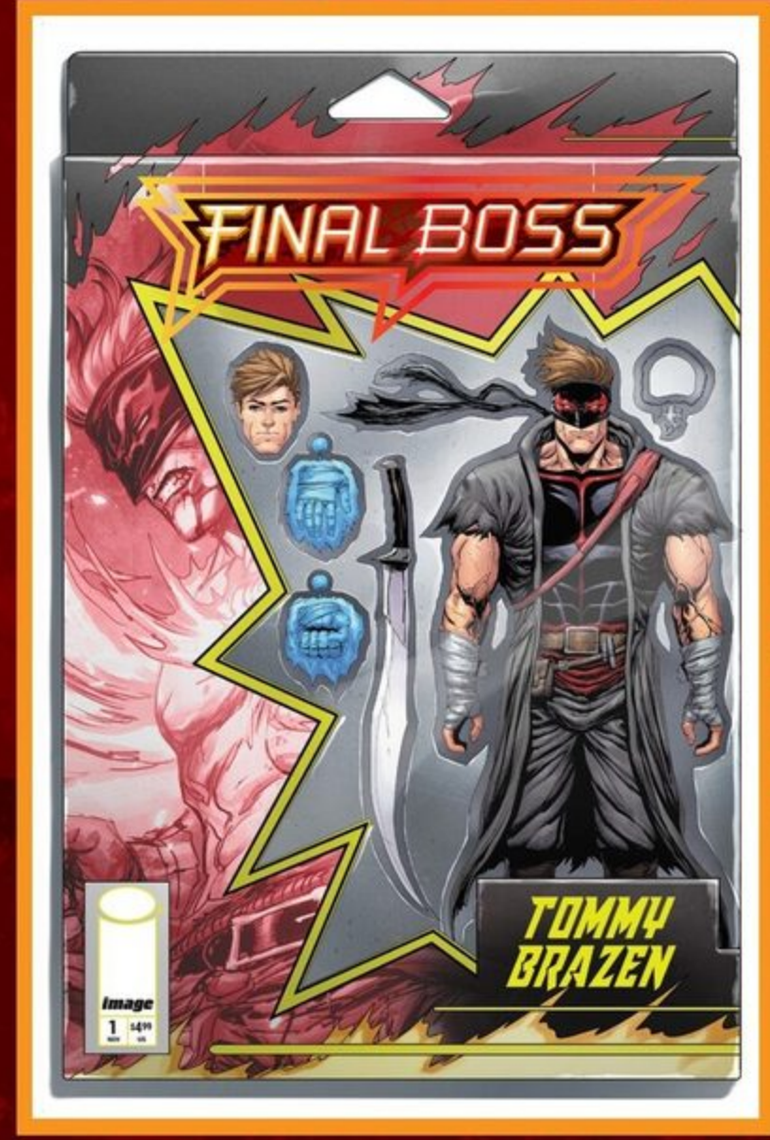

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1 IN 100 RATIO

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1 IN 250 RATIO

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1 IN 500 RATIO

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STAGE 2

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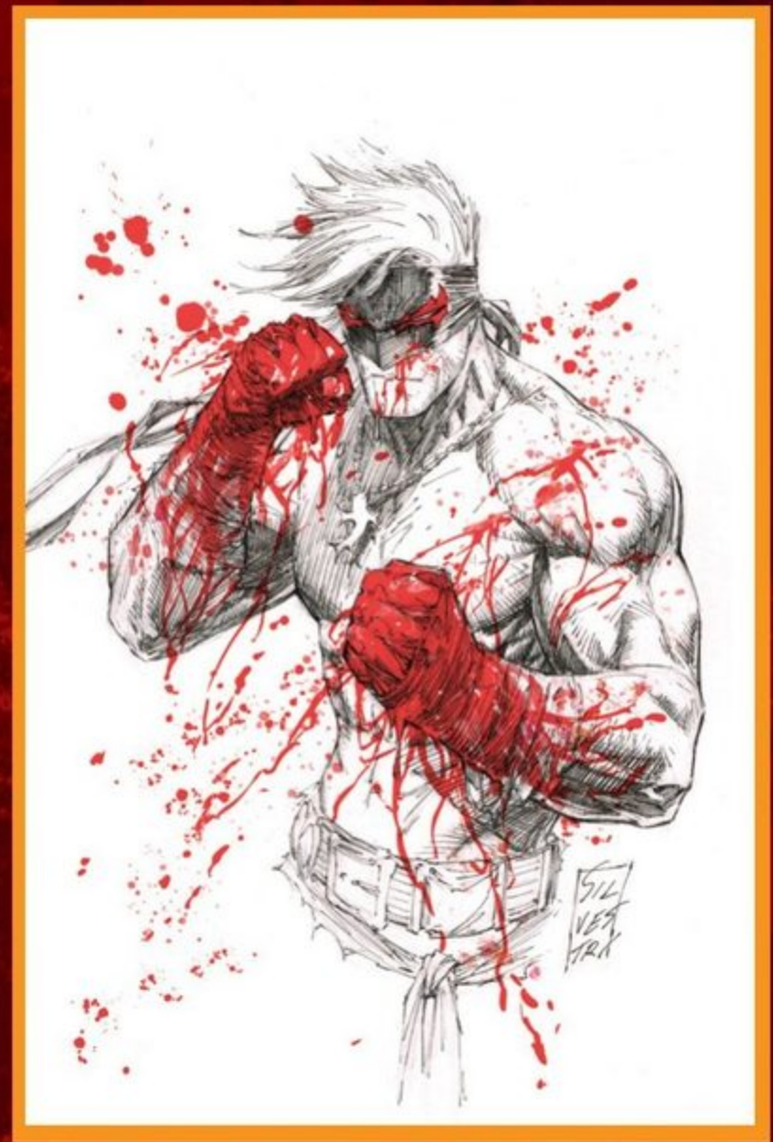

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STAGE 3

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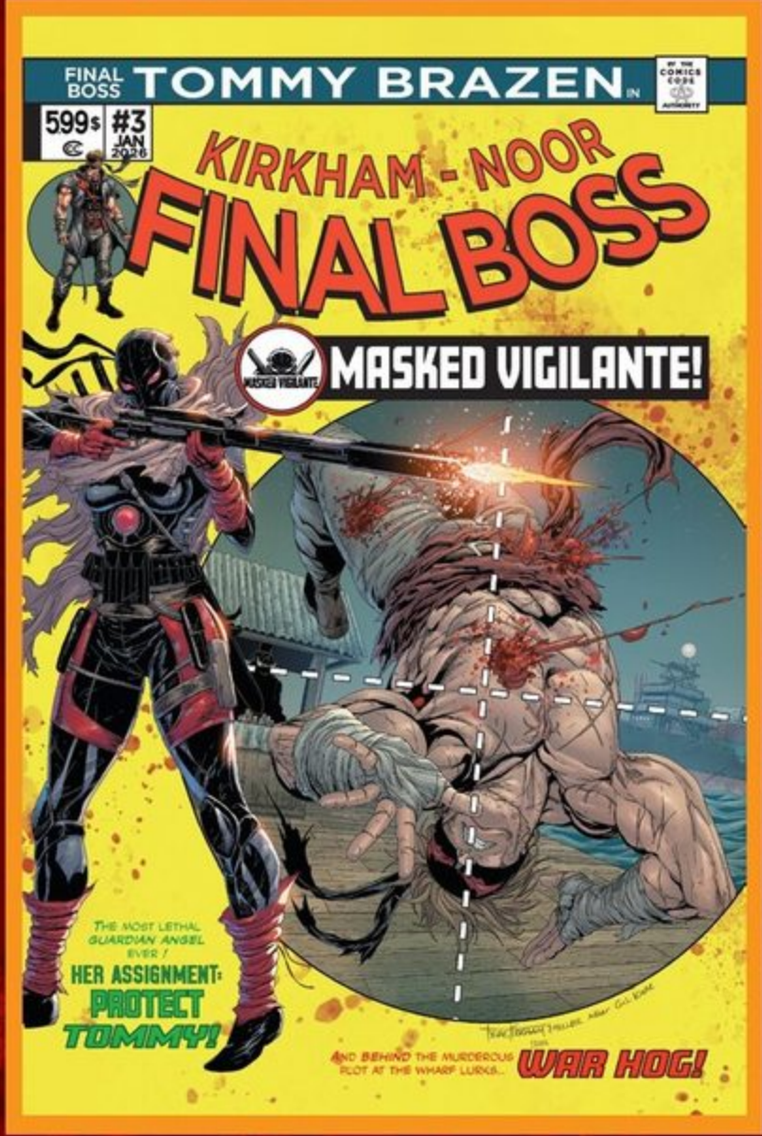

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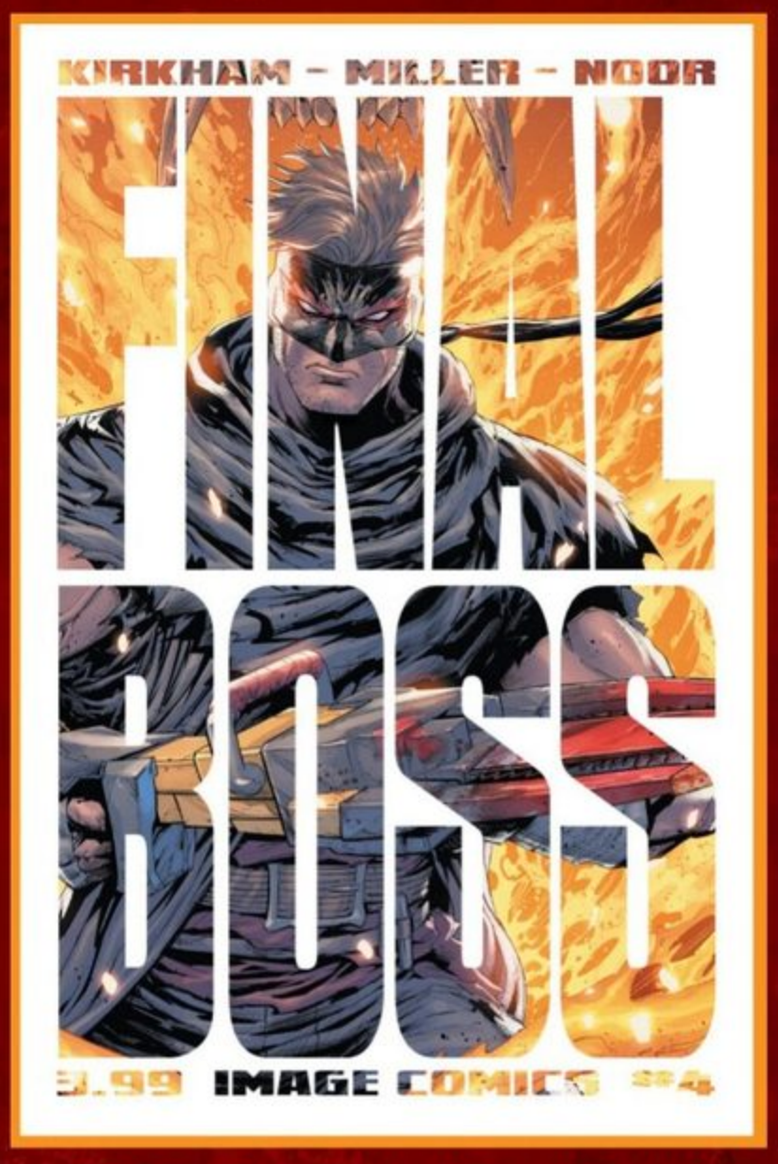

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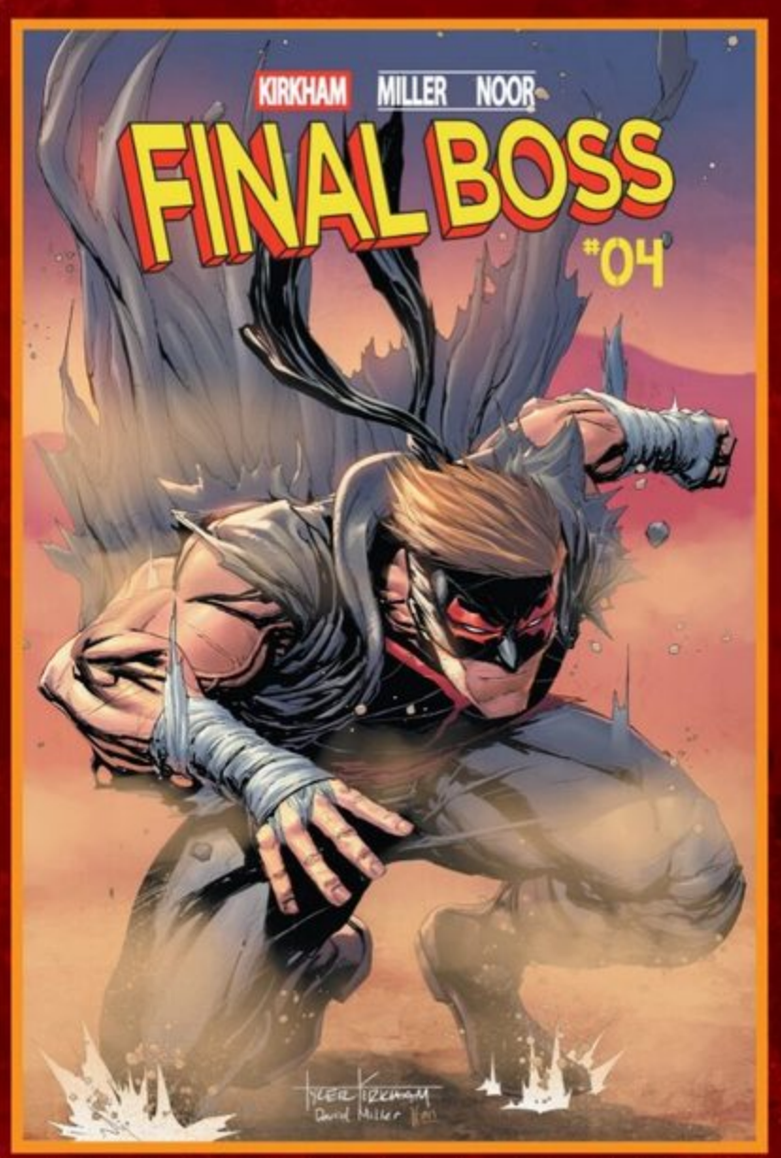

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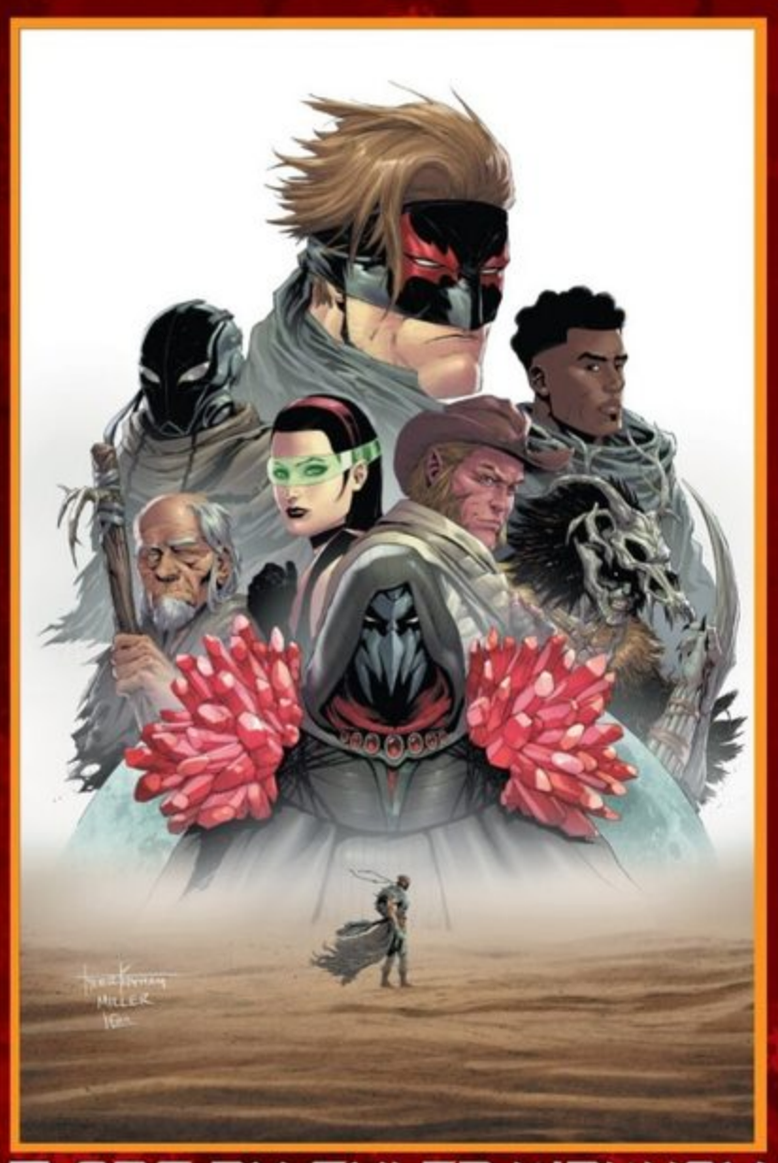

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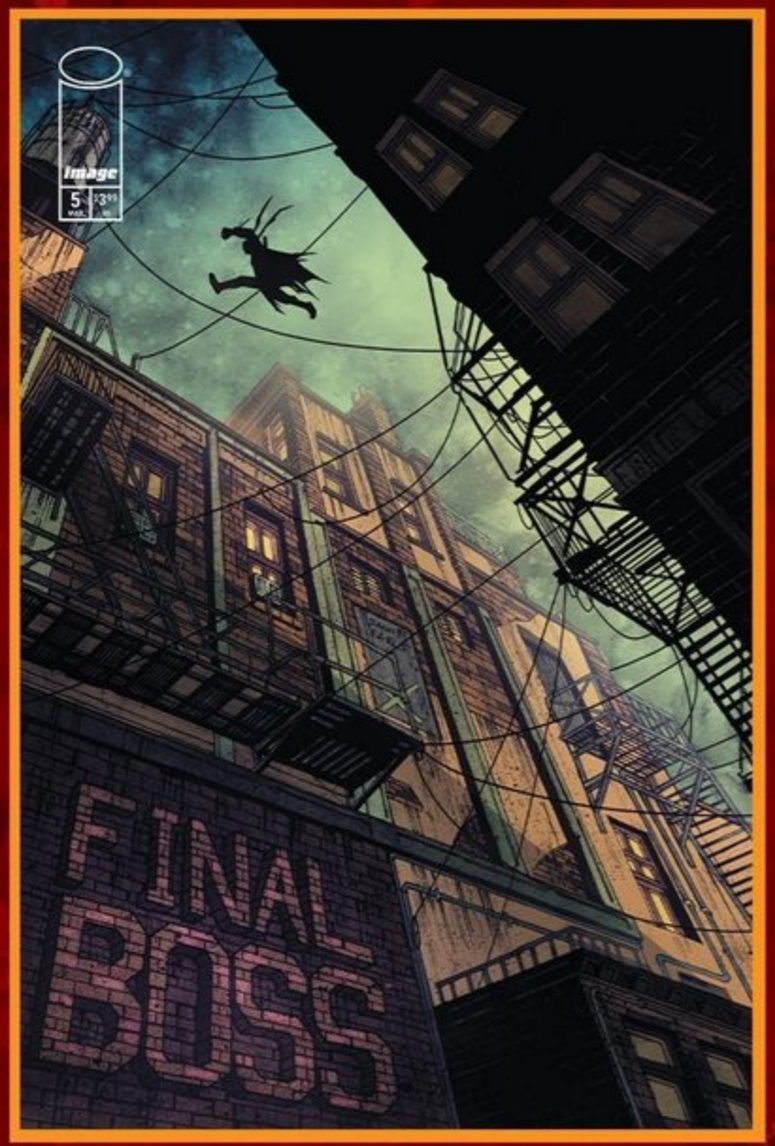

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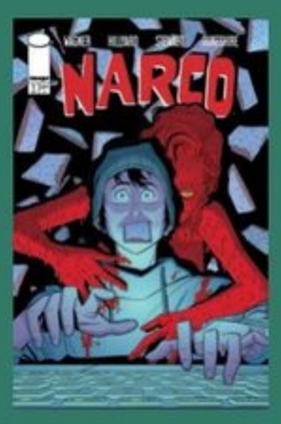

Doug Wagner and Daniel Hillyard, the team behind *Plastic* and *I Was a High School Serial Killer*, return to explore their bloody muse in ***Narco #1***. Here, a shy guy has to try and solve a murder while suffering that form of narcolepsy those goats have. You know the one – where they pass out when they're over-excited. Suffice to say, that makes detective-ing tricky. *Narco* shows the team continuing to dig into their grounded, threatening yet playful approach.

Spoilers for ***Tigress Island*** by Patrick Kindlon (*Gehenna*) and EPHK (*Harpy*): in the first issue, there's no tigers. Big disappointment for the big stripy-feline fans, but for those looking for a pop-vibes story of burned-out actresses taken under duress by a very rich bastard to an island for a really bad time, you're sorted. Very much fuelled by exploitation energies with strong, clear storytelling. Perhaps they'll be tigers in #2? I love tigers.

In ***Blood Squad Seven Yearbook*** . . . oh, take it away Joe Casey! "If you like your 1990s superheroes deconstructed in a big way... this is the series for you, and *Yearbook #1* is the over-sized culmination of the story we've been setting up. It's a modern-day look at the concept of superheroics and it's got all of the spectacle and the gravitas you'd want and expect. Paul Fry's art nails it in every panel and we're both really proud of the work."

Hmm. Creators writing about themselves may be a theme. Skybound release ***Super Creepshow #1***, a superheroic expansion to the classic horror anthology. And (er) I wrote one of the stories. But Ryan North wrote the other, and the day I can't wholeheartedly rave about Ryan being smart and petrifying is the day I give this up. Which it may be. I am famously lazy. Rossi Gifford and Derek Charm kill (literally) on art in both stories, mixing ironic period charm with real creep.

And this will be the last This Month at Image for a while, as ***The Power Fantasy*** is on a break (three trades now available for those who haven't yet tried this critically-acclaimed masterpiece, etc). We'll be back late 2026, so hopefully I'll be plugging some more books then. Until that point, you're on your own. Support Image books. They'll make you happy, or failing that, it'll make creators happy, which isn't nothing, right?

Kieron Gillen writes ***The Power Fantasy*** and ***DIE: Loaded***.

The Tree of Power

LEVEL UP INCREASE

- 8 STAMINA
- 2 STRENGTH
- 3 SPEED
- 16 SKILL XP

TOMMY BRAZEN
AGE 36
HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 195
STAMINA 59/100
SPEED 56/100
STRENGTH 67/100
SPECIAL SKILL XP 33/100

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